

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 139

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION honoring Charlotte Gargus Battles, Executive Director Emeritus for The King's Daughters School.

WHEREAS, it is proper that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize those talented and determined individuals who have dedicated their lives to the pursuit of excellence in all their endeavors and, in doing so, have served as an inspiration to those around them; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Charlotte Gargus Battles is one such individual, who has served as the Executive Director of The King's Daughters' School from 1983 to December 2006; in January of 2007, she was named the school's Executive Director Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with The King's Daughters' School, Mrs. Battles has demonstrated her commitment to professionalism through membership in the National Association of Private Special Education Centers, which she has served on the Committee on National Affairs, and the Tennessee Branch of The King's Daughters and Sons, which she has served as Vice President and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, beyond her impressive career achievements, Mrs. Battles has proven outstanding in her immeasurable community leadership, which includes serving organizations such as the Columbia Rotary Club, of which she has been a member since 1992 and for which she served as President from 2000 to 2001; the Maury Alliance, of which she has been a member since 1983 and for which she has served in the capacities of Chairperson of the Board, President of the Board of Directors of Leadership Maury, Chair of Membership Services, and Chair of the Education Council; the Advisory Board of the First Farmers and Merchants National Bank; the Advisory Board of Kraft CPAs; the Maury County Election Commission; the Columbia Power and Water Board; the Maury County Historical Benefit Ball, for which she has been a

Board member, Co-Chair, and member of various committees; the Women's Club, for which she served as President, of Columbia State Community College; the James K. Polk Memorial Association; and the Board of Trustees of Maury Regional Hospital; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mrs. Battles has been awarded the Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow and the Columbia Rotary Rotarian of the Year for the years 1997 to 1998 and 1999 to 2000; in addition, she is a 1993 Graduate of Leadership Tennessee and a 1989 Graduate of Leadership Maury; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Battles is a devoted member of the First United Methodist Church, where she has been a member since 1970; she has served as President of United Methodist Women, Chair of the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee, and Chair of the Administrative Board; she currently serves as Chair of the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, through all of her successes, Mrs. Battles has been lovingly supported by her husband, Jerry Lanice Battles; her daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth Battles Ward; her son, Jerry Matthews Battles; and her grandchildren, Emily Ward, Nolin Ward, Harden Battles, and Russ Battles; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to grasp this opportunity to extend its gratitude and recognition to Mrs. Charlotte Gargus Battles for her distinguished service to The King's Daughters' School, her family, her community, and her State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Mrs. Charlotte Gargus Battles, commend her on her exemplary leadership for The King's Daughters' School, and offer our fondest wishes for her every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.